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SUBJ: ITAIPU AND YACYRETA-APIPE HYDROELECTRIC PROJECTS

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1. IN REGARD TO SUBJECT PROJECTS, MAJOR EXPORT PROJECTS
DIVISION, (TAGS BMEP), WILL BE FOCAL POINT AT USDOC.
FOLLOWING IS OUR RECOMMENDATION AND ACTIVITY TO DATE
ON YOUR ACTIONS ITEMS:

YOUR 2(A) ACTION ONE: THE BEST EXAMPLE OF
ITAIPU EQUIPMENT IS GRAND COULEE PROJECT
PRESENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION. THIS VISIT SHOULD
BE INCORPORATED WITH A VISIT TO BUREAU OF
RECLAMATION OFFICE IN DENVER WHERE THE
PARAGUAYANS CAN BE BRIEFED ON THE PLANNING
AND DESIGN CONSIDERATION OF THIS U.S. PLANT.
TO SEE OPERATING PLANTS WITH ITAIPU TYPE
EQUIPMENT, WE SUGGEST ROBERT MOSES AND CHIEF JOE PROJECTS. BEST
EXAMPLE OF YACYRETA-APIPE EQUIPMENT WOULD BE ROCKY

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REACH AND WELLS PROJECTS. LOCATION OF ROBERT MOSES IS AT NIAGARA

FALLS, N.Y. THE OTHER FOUR PLANTS MENTIONED ARE ALL LOCATED IN CENTRAL PART OF WASHINGTON STATE. U.S. MANUFACTURERS OF HYDROMECHANICAL/ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT (ALLIS-CHALMERS, G.E., AND WESTINGHOUSE) HAVE BEEN CONTACTED AND ARE INTERESTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE VISITS TO THE PROJECTS AND TO MANUFACTURERS PLANTS.

ACTION TWO: WE WILL SUPPORT YOUR PROPOSED MEETING IN ASUNCION AND WILL COORDINATE U.S. INDUSTRY PARTICIPATION FOR THIS EVENT. THE ABOVE MENTIONED COMPANIES HAVE BEEN ADVISED AND HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST TO PARTICIPATE.

ACTION THREE: WE MET WITH USIA-WASHINGTON AND MR. J. JOHNSON USIA-ASUNCION AND WILL OBTAIN AVAILABLE U.S. GOVERNMENT INFORMATION FROM BUREC, CORP OF ENGINEERS, AND TVA. U.S. COMPANIES MENTIONED WILL ALSO BE SENDING ADVERTISING MATERIAL FOR USE IN ASUNCION. YOUR 2 (B) ACTION ONE: WE CONTACTED U.S. CEMENT INDUSTRY AND HAVE RECEIVED ITS EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING IN ITAIPU PROJECT. FULLER COMPANY OFFICE IN SAO PAULO, MR. STEPUS, WILL BE CONTACTING EMBASSY ASUNCION IN REGARDS TO CEMENT REQUIREMENTS. MEPD IS IN CONTACT WITH ALLIS-CHALMERS AND WILL NOTIFY EMBASSY OF ALLIS-CHALMERS' ACTION PLAN WHEN WE RECEIVE IT. BOTH COMPANIES HAVE RECEIVED COPIES YOUR A-112. IN REGARD TO DR. UGARTE STATEMENT ON PARAGUAY'S RESPONSIBILITY TO SUPPLY 1,850,000 TONS OF CEMENT, PLEASE CONFIRM THAT HIS MINISTRY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PURCHASE OF NEW CEMENT PLANTS FOR THIS PROJECT.

2. WE WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED ON THE STATUS OF THE ABOVE ITEMS. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR SENDING NAMES AND TITLE OF THE SIX PARAGUAYAN LEADER GRANTEES AND THEIR SCHEDULE AVAILABILITY IN THE U.S.

3. MAJOR EXPORT PROJECTS DIVISION DEVELOPING SIMILAR PROGRAM FOR BRAZIL. DEPARTMENT REPEATING ASUNCION 4828 TO INFO POSTS. RUSH

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